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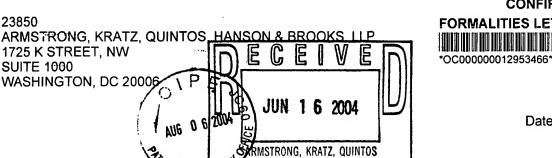
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• Additional claim fees of \$104 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1004 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$104
 - \$86 for 1 independent claims over 3.
 - \$18 for 1 total claims over 20.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

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August 6, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated June 15, 2004, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, for the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$1,004.00, for the government filing fee of \$770.00, \$18.00 for extra claims, \$86.00 for independent claims, and the surcharge fee of \$130.00 for filing the late Declaration. In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Notice; Declaration